

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Media diversity is imperative for the existence of effective outlets of the free expression of ideas, opinions, and information. Placing control of such vehicles of expression in the hands of a shrinking number of corporations poses a potential threat to the openness of our American culture.